

# Annual Operating Instructions

2013

## Oak Creek Allotment

### Fillmore RD, Fishlake NF

This AOI is made part of your grazing permit consistent with Part 1, item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop during the grazing season which requires changes to these instructions. If this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some or part of these instructions, contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes or deviating from these instructions. Failure to follow these instructions is a violation of your permit.

Permittee	Ear Tag Color & #’s	Permitted*			Authorized**		
		Number	Class	Season	Number	Class	Season
Anderson Farm Enter.	Blue 1-70	72	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	72	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
Blake Aguard State Permit	Blue 73-181	94 State 21	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	NON USE Personal Convenience	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
Vance Finlinson	Blue 184-212	32	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	32	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
Jay B. Lovell State Permit	Blue 213-270	49 State 7	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	49 State 7	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
Bruce Lovell	Blue 271-281	11	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	11	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
Monte C. Nielson State Permit	Blue 282-361	82 State 2	Cow/calf	5/16-9/30	82 State 2	Cow/calf	7/16-9/30
<p>*Permitted use is the livestock numbers and season of use listed on your grazing permit.</p> <p>**Authorized use is the number of livestock and season of use you are authorized for in the current grazing season and reflects stocking and/or season of use adjustments for the given year.</p>							

**Non-use:**

Please be aware that nonuse in excess of 10% of your permitted numbers must be requested at least 30 days before the “on” date. Nonuse for personal convenience may be approved on a year-to-year basis for a maximum of three consecutive years and not more than four years in any 10-year period. Longer periods of nonuse for range protection will only be approved under a written agreement.

## **LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT**

### **Grazing Schedule**

<b>Unit (pasture)</b>	<b>Tentative Dates*</b>	<b>Days/Unit</b>	<b>Number of Livestock</b>
Cascade Unit	Based on proper-use	Variable	370
Bridge Canyon	Based on proper-use	Variable	370
Rocky Ridge Unit	REST due to Fire rehab	0	0
Clay Springs Unit	REST due to Fire rehab	0	0
Oak Creek Canyon	REST due to Fire rehab	0	0

\*Grazing will begin when perennial wheat grasses are in the flower head

**When** allowable use levels are met in the scheduled pasture, cattle will be moved to another pasture, or removed from the Forest

Type of rotation:REST rotation system. Pastures that had rehabilitation work done in 2012 will be rested in 2013

All livestock must be removed from the Forest when allowable use levels are met.

Previous year's grazing results: Thanks for your efforts in managing the allotment. We look forward to working with you again this year.

Notice of Non-compliance/Suspension Actions: NONE

Additional instructions: Clay Springs, Oak Creek and Rocky Ridge Units will be rested this year. Please keep cattle in pastures where they are supposed to be when they are supposed to be there.

## **UTILIZATION STANDARDS & MONITORING**

### **Maximum Allowable Forage Use Criteria**

<b>Vegetation Type</b>	<b>Stubble Height/Use</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Riparian Hydric Species	4"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Riparian Emphasis Management Areas	6"	Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Non-hydric sod forming grass species in riparian areas	1.5"	Primarily Kentucky bluegrass-Triggers the time to move livestock between units or off the allotment.
Wheatgrass seedings	60%	Management option to exceed 60% use to maintain healthy seedings.
Riparian/upland browse: Sprouts and young-aged plants	≤40%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Riparian/upland mature browse	≤50%	# of current year's available twigs removed.
Upland grass/forb	40-60% of key species; varies by grazing system and desired condition	% of current year's growth.
Riparian ground cover	Maintain ground cover of at least 70% within riparian areas.	

You are responsible to monitor your livestock and comply with the listed utilization standards and to move livestock prior to **any** of the above standards being exceeded.

Compliance monitoring inspections will be conducted by Forest Service personnel throughout the grazing season in key areas across the allotment. You are invited and it is recommended that you participate in these inspections.

Key Areas: Cascade Unit will be midway between water sources, Clay Springs Unit between water sources, Rocky Ridge Unit between water sources.

Exceeding the utilization standards will be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of the permit.

## **BILLING**

Your annual grazing bill must be paid and notification received in our office prior to turning livestock onto the National Forest. It may take 10 days or more from the time you mail your payment until we receive payment notification so plan accordingly.

## **RANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

You are responsible for maintaining the range improvements assigned to you in Part 3 of your Term Grazing Permit. All improvements are to be maintained to standard prior to livestock entering a pasture, even in the event of non-use. Standards are found in your Term Grazing Permit or at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml> . Livestock entry onto the Forest may be delayed if improvements are not maintained to acceptable standards.

### **Fences**

1. 010408	Dry Oak Creek Division	1.5 miles	Sec 1 & 8, T17S, R3W
2. 010438	Fool Creek-Oak Creek Division	2.5 miles	Sec 15, 22, 23, T16S, R4W
3. 010443	Oak-whiskey Mgt. Fence	4 miles	Sec 33, 32, 31, 36, T17S,
		R4W	
4. 010060	Lower Quaking Aspen Drift	.5 mile	Sec 15, T17S, R4W
5. 010442	Oak Creek Drift	.8 mile	Sec 12, T17S, R4W
6. 010610	Mahogany Hollow Fence	1 mile	Sec 33, 34, T16S, R4W

### **Water Systems**

1. 010184C	Clay Spring Storage Ponds	Sec 29, 24, T17S, R4W
2. 010394	Clay Spring Lower	Sec 29, T17S, R4W

You must obtain prior written approval from the District Ranger before constructing/installing structural range improvements or using or applying any pesticide/herbicide except for personal use of insect repellant.

Any improvement, which is no longer functional or no longer needed, will be removed from the allotment by the permittee. The removal of any improvement must have prior approval by the District Ranger.

Failure to maintain your assigned range improvements may be considered as non-compliance with your Term Grazing Permit and may be subject to suspension or cancellation of your permit.

Additional instructions: Please report any unauthorized livestock from adjacent allotments.

### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

You or the association will furnish sufficient riders or herders for proper distribution, protection and management of livestock on the allotment as required by the Allotment Management Plan (AMP) and/or Annual Operating Instructions (AOI).

You are required to **submit actual use** information for the allotment. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the district office within two weeks of removal of livestock from the Forest.

Salt and other dietary supplements are a distribution tool, and as such, should not be placed within ¼ mile of riparian areas, water troughs and ponds; within 200 ft. of designated roads, trails, trail heads or camping spots which have frequent use. Avoid salting in or near tree plantations or regenerating aspen stands. Exceptions to these standards must have prior approval.

Salt will be moved from areas where feed has been used to standards.

The Fishlake National Forest Travel Plan must be followed while managing livestock unless approved in advance and in writing by the District Ranger.

Previously grazed units must have all livestock removed from them.

All livestock feed or straw brought onto the Forest must be certified weed free per Regional Forester's Order #04-00-058, dated March 26, 1996 (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/fishlake/resources/rangemgt.shtml>).

Dead livestock shall be moved at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile from roads, water sources, and camping spots, which have evidence of frequent use.

All garbage resulting from activities associated with this permit shall be removed from National Forest lands and disposed of properly.